

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An electrically activated valve has a device which, in the activated state and counter to the force of a valve spring, axially moves a valve stem with a valve member which interacts with a valve seat on a valve housing and determines the flow through the valve. The valve stem is guided in the valve housing and, with the valve housing, forms, between its guiding part and the valve member, an annular space into which a pressure passage opens. The contact area between the valve member and the valve seat is bounded at the outside by a step, which is adjoined by a guide surface.--